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## 11TH INTERNATIONAL ICE SCULPTURES FESTIVAL February 9 -14, 2009 Jelgava, Latvia

Latvia's International Ice Sculptures Festival is taking place already for the 11<sup>th</sup> year. The festival will occur in Jelgava, a town situated 40 km south from Riga - the capital of Latvia. The festival is growing and building its reputation. Three years ago, a team sculpting discipline was added, in addition to a snow sculpting pilot activity with students from the Academy of Arts. The festival's vision is facilitating creativity and artistic advancement in the art of ice.

### CALL FOR ENTRIES

Each artist is sculpting:

- a) In teams of two artists- a sculpture consisting of 2 natural ice blocks. Theme: *GALAXY OF LOVE* (15 teams accepted).
- b) Individually - a sculpture from 1 block of natural ice. Theme: *GALAXY OF LOVE* (30 artists accepted).

Theme - Galaxy of Love - is chosen because closing event of festival will be on 14<sup>th</sup> February which is St. Valentine's day.

#### Applicants have to submit:

- application form;
- CV;
- Photo of artist (JPG)
- Sketches /drawings of the proposed individual sculptures and team sculptures (sketches will be used for the selection purposes only).

#### Special requirements

- Sculptures should be shaped (carved) as much as possible in vertical dimension. Monumentality and the use of the ice will be evaluated (judged).
- It's not allowed to use other aids which intensify the perception of the masterpiece (for example, appliques, colours, untraditional luminous sources, etc.). It is allowed to light up the work of art only from the inside of the piece, using neon, ordinary or colourful fluorescent lamps.
- Ready made sculpture must mach up with the sketch was handed in;
- In selection of artists participate only those artist who send in all information for applying till 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2008;

As there is a team-sculpting discipline, it is advised to apply in teams. We kindly ask for your respect of all people's political views, ethnicity and spiritual thinking in your sculptures.

### Transportation fares

Organizers will cover factual travel expenses (originals of tickets etc must be produced) covered as follows:

- Baltic countries - limited to 80 EUR (per team)
- CIS (Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine etc) - limited to EUR 150 (per team).
- Other countries - limited to EUR 500 (per team).
- Non-European countries - artists from non-European countries are kindly asked to contact organizers regarding transport fare coverage individually.
- Organizers may cover expenses necessary to obtain visa (if necessary).

Artists arriving in and departing from Riga will be picked up and transferred.

### Ice

Natural ice will be provided in such dimensions:

- For individual sculptures - 1m x 0,5m x 25cm.
- For team sculptures - 2m x 1m x 0,5m.

### Prizes

All participants will receive **GRANT - 500 EUR (per team or 250 EUR per participant)**.

Prizes will be award in two categories:

- **Individual category: Single ice block sculpture.** Individual sculptures will judge participants of the festival.  
**PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - 750 EUR; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 500 EUR; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 350 EUR.**
- **Team category: Two ice blocks sculpture.** Jury consisting of 6 persons, will assess works according to following 4 criteria: Theme, Artistic Expression, Creativity, and Technical skill, Use of ice and Vertical dimension of artwork.  
**PRIZES: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize - 1800 EUR; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - 1200 EUR; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - 800 EUR.**

In addition will be awarded **AUDIENCE FAVORITE PRIZE - 500 EUR** what will be based on audience voting results.

No taxes will be deducted from prizes. Organizers will pay 25% income tax in addition to sums payable in prizes.

### Schedule

<b>Monday</b>	9-Feb	Arrivals, dinner and acquaintance
<b>Tuesday</b>	10-Feb	Work on a single sculpture
<b>Wednesday</b>	11-Feb	Additional work on a single sculpture; Team work
<b>Thursday</b>	13-Feb	Team work;
<b>Friday</b>	13- Feb	Team work, arrival of jury on the site
<b>Saturday</b>	14-Feb	Exhibition opening at 9AM; Judging and Award ceremony; Free time; Farewell ; Departures
<b>Sunday</b>	15-Feb	Free time; Departures

### Accommodation, catering, leisure

Artists will be accommodated in a 3 star hotel from February 9 to February 15. Meals will be served 3 times a day from February 9 to morning of February 15.

Recreational premises with sauna and fireplace will available in the Culture House every night. Organizers will arrange special events during artists stay in Latvia. Events may vary, depending on artists choice and climatic conditions.

### **Working conditions**

The sculpting will take place in the park behind or in front of Jelgava's Culture House. Working hours are not limited, however all works must be finished by 9 AM Saturday. For recreation purposes artists, will be provided a room with fireplace, sofas, shower, sauna, refreshments and hot drinks.

### **Equipment, Safety, Insurance**

Artists have to bring their own tools. A number of motor and electrical saws will be available. Artists from countries outside Baltic or traveling with plane will have priority to use them. Organizers will provide following equipment: A lifter for ice blocks (Bobcat) on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, electricity (220 V), scaffolding, halogen lights, water, and wooden palettes. If additional palettes, podiums, etc... are necessary for team sculpting, please contact us in advance. Artists will be instructed about safety rules and will have to accept them in writing before commencement of work.

Artists must have their own health and live insurance policy.

### **Rights reservation**

Organizers reserve non exclusive rights for making changes in the festival and fixation of works by artists in all media, and free exploitation of fixations made without restrictions and limitations. Artists will have to sign release form before commencement of work. All sculptures remain property of organizers.